

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
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TO: Scott Peters, City Councilmember


FROM: William M. Lansdowne, Chief of Police
via P. Lamont Ewell, City Manager

SUBJECT: Proposed Police Substation in Carmel Valley

In recent years, population growth in the area around Carmel Valley has increased the need for Police Department response to a variety of issues. Officers assigned to these calls are traveling from busier areas to the south and east, often in heavy traffic, and as a result the response times to critical incidents is considerably higher than the City's average. With population growth imminent, this disparity will likely increase.

To that end, the Police Department feels the need for the proposed Northwestern Area Station is crucial to the affected neighborhoods. This station, to be built in the 12600 block of El Camino Real, will house officers, investigators, and support staff whose primary duty will be to address Police-related issues solely within the boundaries of the proposed division. This would include what is currently beats 244 (Sorrento Valley), 136 (North City), 135 (Carmel Valley), 134 (Del Mar Heights), and the northern half of 133 (Torrey Pines). Patrol officers working this division would be committed to servicing these areas exclusively, except in the case of an extreme emergency. It is our belief that the dedication of personnel to this specific area will immediately bring response times in line with the City's average. Further, the increased Police presence associated with an area station will likely prove to be a deterrent to crime and traffic-related problems for years to come.

The Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of service to the citizens of Carmel Valley and the surrounding area. The construction of the Northwestern Area Station is a critical component toward that goal. Your support in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.



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cc: Carmel Valley Community Planning Board